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16 COMPANIES SELECTED FOR AWARD OF CONCESSION CONTRACTS FOR RIVER RUNNING AT GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

The National Park Service (NPS) selected sixteen (16) companies to provide guided river running services at Grand Canyon National Park under new concessions contracts. The contracts begin January 1, 2007 and will have a ten (10) year term. Michael D. Snyder, National Park Service Intermountain Regional Director announced the selections.

The selections were made under the provisions of the 1998 Concessions Management Improvement Act (CMIA). The new contracts will implement changes required by the terms of Grand Canyon National Park's 2006 Colorado River Management Plan, including new launch patterns, trip lengths, group sizes, and additional requirements for resource preservation.

The NPS solicited proposals for the 16 contracts and received seventeen proposals. Each of the incumbent operators submitted a proposal for its contract. Additionally, OARS Grand Canyon, Inc. submitted a proposal for the contract currently held by ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, Inc. (formerly known as Aramark Leisure Services, Inc., dba Wilderness River Adventures). This contract has been awarded to ARAMARK. A review team of NPS employees analyzed the proposals based on criteria specified in CMIA. Guidelines used to evaluate the proposals can be found at <http://concessions.nps.gov/policy.cfm>.

The selections are as follows:

Contract Number	Concessioner
CC-GRCA006-96	Arizona Raft Adventures, Inc.
CC-GRCA007-96	Arizona River Runners, Inc.
CC-GRCA010-96	Canyoneers, Inc.
CC-GRCA011-96	Colorado River & Trail Expeditions, Inc.

CC-GRCA015-96	Grand Canyon Expeditions Company, Inc.
CC-GRCA016-96	Canyon Expeditions, Inc.
CC-GRCA017-96	Diamond River Adventures, Inc.
CC-GRCA018-96	Ted Hatch River Expeditions, Inc.
CC-GRCA020-96	Moki Mac River Expeditions, Inc.
CC-GRCA021-96	OARS Grand Canyon, Inc.
CC-GRCA022-96	Outdoors Unlimited River Trips
CC-GRCA024-96	Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, Inc.
CC-GRCA025-96	Tour West, Inc.
CC-GRCA026-96	Western River Expeditions, Inc.
CC-GRCA028-96	Canyon Explorations, Inc.
CC-GRCA029-96	Grand Canyon Discovery, Inc.

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